

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 61st LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

JOINT APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE ON JUDICIAL BRANCH, LAW ENFORCEMENT, AND JUSTICE

Call to Order:

CHAIRMAN RAY HAWK, on January 9, 2009 at 8:00 A.M., in Room 317-A Capitol.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Ray Hawk, Chairman (R)
Sen. John Brueggeman, Vice Chairman (R)
Sen. Keith Bales (R)
Sen. Steven Gallus (D)
Rep. Dennis Getz (D)
Rep. Cynthia Hiner (D)
Rep. Bill Nooney (R)

Members Excused: None.

Members Absent: None.

Staff Present: Debbie Carlson, Committee Secretary
Brent Doig, OBPP
Pat Gervais, Legislative Branch

Audio Committees: These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing: Public Service Commissioner
Board of Crime Control
Executive Action: None.

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

00:00:04 Chairman Hawk
00:00:58 Pat Gervais, LFD
00:04:59 Chairman Hawk
00:06:01 Greg Jergeson, Chairman, Public Service Commission
00:16:43 Staci Litschauer, Financial Specialist, Public Service
Commission
00:19:31 Chairman Hawk
00:19:45 Sen. Bales
00:20:02 Ms. Gervais
00:20:22 Chairman Hawk
00:20:45 Ms. Lichower
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00:21:02 Ms. Litschauer
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00:21:33 Chairman Hawk
00:22:24 Mr. Jergeson
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00:23:18 Mr. Jergeson
00:24:51 Rep. Hiner
00:25:21 Mr. Jergeson
00:27:10 Chairman Hawk
00:27:33 Sen. Bales
00:27:42 Ms. Litschauer
00:27:57 Sen. Bales
00:28:16 Ms. Litschauer
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00:35:02 Mr. Jergeson
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00:37:36 Mr. Jergeson
00:38:42 Chairman Hawk
00:38:46 Ms. Gervais
00:38:55 Mr. Jergeson

00:39:04 Chairman Hawk
00:39:08 Wayne Budt, Administrator, Transportation & Centralized
Service Division, Public Service Commission
00:41:45 Sen. Bales
00:42:00 Mr. Budt
00:44:03 Rep. Hiner
00:44:12 Ms. Gervais
00:44:36 Chairman Hawk
00:44:43 Mr. Budt
00:44:48 Chairman Hawk
00:45:07 Bob Rowe, CEO, Northwestern Energy
00:48:33 Chairman Hawk
00:48:38 Mike Pichette, Northwestern Energy
00:49:16 Aiden Myhre
00:50:05 Chairman Hawk
00:50:15 Pat Mitchell, Glendive, Montana
00:51:41 Chairman Hawk
00:51:47 Brad Molnar, Commissioner, Public Service Commission
00:56:44 Chairman Hawk
00:57:28 Mr. Jergeson
00:58:04 Chairman Hawk
00:58:16 Mr. Jergeson
00:58:23 Chairman Hawk

BOARD OF CRIME CONTROL

00:58:54 Ms. Gervais
01:08:30 Chairman Hawk
01:08:46 Brent Doig, OBPP
01:09:00 Ms. Gervais
01:09:06 Chairman Hawk
01:09:11 Roland Mena, Executive Director, Board of Crime Control
01:31:34 Chairman Hawk
01:31:39 Sen. Gallus
01:32:15 Chairman Hawk
01:32:21 Rep. Getz
01:32:37 Mr. Mena
01:39:27 Ms. Gervais
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01:49:57 Mr. Doig
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01:55:38 Sen. Bales
01:56:11 Don Merritt, Financial Bureau Chief, Board of Crime
Control
01:57:38 Sen. Bales
01:58:07 Ms. Gervais
01:59:32 Sen. Bales
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02:13:24 Chairman Hawk
02:13:30 Mr. Mena

DP 101 Board & Council Member Stipends

02:15:04 Chairman Hawk
02:15:16 Mr. Merritt

DP 102 Administrative Support Position

02:15:38 Mr. Mena
02:18:00 Chairman Hawk
02:18:39 Mr. Mena

DP 103 Detention Data Information System

02:19:11 Mr. Mena

DP 105 Forensic Crime Lab Improvements

02:22:20 Mr. Mena

DP 106 STOP Violence Against Women Act

02:23:34 Mr. Mena

DP 107 Criminal History Record Improvement Grant

02:24:37 Mr. Mena

02:26:00 Rep. Hiner

02:26:28 Mr. Mena

02:27:22 Rep. Hiner

02:27:40 Mr. Mena

DP 108 Domestic Violence Intervention Grant

02:27:58 Mr. Mena

02:28:57 Chairman Hawk

02:29:16 Ms. Gervais

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02:30:00 Ms. Gervais

02:30:06 Chairman Hawk

02:30:18 Mr. Mena

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DP 109 Juvenile Detention Center Reporting

02:31:03 Mr. Mena

DP 110 Office Rent Increase

02:32:40 Mr. Mena

02:36:36 Mr. Doig

02:37:06 Chairman Hawk

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02:38:27 Mr. Merritt

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DP 111 NIBRS Web Statistics Enhancement

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03:01:59 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Bales moved to allow proxy voting and authorize it on the forms provided. Voice vote carried unanimously.

03:02:45 **Motion:** Sen. Bales moved that the base budget plus statewide present law adjustments for each agency/program budget under the purview of this subcommittee and the global decision items for additional vacancy savings, fuel cost reductions, and worker's compensation cost allocation proposed in the executive budget for those agencies/programs be adopted as the starting point for subcommittee actions.

Discussion:

03:03:53 Chairman Hawk
03:04:14 Mr. Doig
03:04:20 Chairman Hawk
03:04:37 Mr. Doig

03:04:40 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

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ADJOURNMENT

03:14:28 Adjournment: 11:16 A.M.

DEBBIE CARLSON, Secretary

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